

## PREREQUISITE COURSE

Sociology majors must take one introductory sociology course. First and second year students should enroll in either *SOC 100: Intro to Soc* or *SOC 102: Intro to Soc: Special Topics*. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either *SOC 300: Principles and Problems of Sociology* or *SOC 302: Health & Society - Intro to Soc*. The credits from the prerequisite course are not included in the 33 required credits. In order to declare, students must complete a prerequisite course with a C- or higher. Students should only take ONE prerequisite course; no credit will be granted for the second prerequisite course taken.

## REQUIREMENTS

To complete a major in sociology, a student must take at least 33 credit hours of SOC coursework at the 200-level or above (excluding SOC 300 and SOC 302). These 33 credits consist of three required courses and electives. **Students must earn at least a C- in every course they intend to include in the major, including the prerequisite.**

## REQUIRED COURSES

- ***SOC 210 or STATS 250 – Statistics***  
Both fulfill the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement. SOC 210 and STATS 250 are typically offered each fall, winter, and at least one spring or summer semester.
- ***SOC 310 – Introduction to Sociological Research Methods***  
Fulfills the LSA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement. Also fulfills the Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR) when elected in the fall or winter term. SOC 310 is offered each fall and winter and at least one spring or summer semester. Must be taken on the UM Ann Arbor campus.
- ***SOC 305 – Introduction to Sociological Theory***  
Typically offered each fall and winter full term and at least one spring or summer semester. Must be taken on the UM Ann Arbor campus.

## REMAINING CREDITS (ELECTIVES)

- The remaining credits are SOC courses at the 200-level and above.
- A minimum of 14 elective credits elected at the 300-level or above (excluding SOC 300 and SOC 302).

Students who wish to focus elective coursework on a particular area are encouraged to consult with the department advisor about an optional subplan in Law, Justice, and & Change, Sociology of Health & Medicine, or Sociology & Social Work (see page 2).

## COURSE PLANNING

No particular order of coursework is required. The Department strongly recommends that majors take statistics in the sophomore year or early in the junior year and complete SOC 310 and SOC 305 in the junior year (preferably not in the same term).

## POLICY GUIDELINES

### ***Minimum Grades and GPA***

Students must earn at least a C- in every course in order to be counted toward the major, including the prerequisite. Grades below a C- will still be included in the major GPA, but will not count toward the 33 credits required for the major. In order to graduate, Sociology majors must have a major GPA of at least a 2.0. The major GPA includes the prerequisite, all required, and all elective courses (including STATS 250, cross-listed courses, and any SOC courses taken at the Dearborn or Flint campuses).

### ***Credit Requirements and Limitations***

SOC 305 and SOC 310 must be taken in-residence on the UM: Ann Arbor campus. Only 15 of the 33 credit hours required for the sociology major can be transfer credit from other institutions.

A limit of 8 credits from courses earning experiential or independent study style credits (as determined by the College of LSA) may be counted toward the major. This includes but is not limited to SOC 225, 321, 324, 325, 391, 394, 395, 396, 468, and 488.

Only 4 credits from SOC 225: Project Community may be included in the major.

## **OPTIONAL SUBPLANS**

Students have the option of adding a subplan to their Sociology major. Students may only declare *one* subplan. Options below:

### **LAW, JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL CHANGE (LJSC)**

- You must declare the subplan and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses.
  - A minimum of 8 credits must be elected in the LJSC subplan at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

SOC 204: International Migration and the Politics of Membership in a Globalizing World  
SOC 208: Terrorism, Torture, & Violence  
SOC 225: Project Community- Criminal Justice section  
SOC 270: Gender and the Law  
SOC 304: American Immigration  
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum (Criminal Justice section)  
SOC 335: Urban Inequality in America  
SOC 350: Human Rights and the United Nations  
SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology  
SOC 422: Latin America  
SOC 450: Human Rights in a Globalizing World  
SOC 461: Social Movements: Political Protest and Collective Resistance  
SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness  
SOC 468: Crime & Justice: Inside Out Prison Exchange  
SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics  
SOC 488 (1cr) & 489 (3cr): Community Organizing and Social Change  
Appropriate topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 6 credits for the LJSC subplan may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. Students with a subplan in Law, Justice and Social Change are not permitted to also elect a minor in Crime & Justice.

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### **SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH & MEDICINE (SHM)**

- You must declare the subplan and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses.
  - A minimum of 8 credits must be elected in the SHM subplan at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite).

SOC 207: Sociology of Suffering  
SOC 225: Project Community-Public Health section  
SOC 230: Health & Population in South Africa  
SOC 330: Population Problems  
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum (Public Health section)  
SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality  
SOC 346: Sociology of the Body

SOC 430: World Population Dynamics  
SOC 445: Diagnosis, Sex, & Society  
SOC 474: Social Inequalities in Health  
SOC 475: Health, Medicine, & Society  
SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics  
SOC 477: Death & Dying  
Appropriate topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 6 credits for the SHM subplan may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. Students with a subplan in Sociology of Health & Medicine are not permitted to also elect a minor in Sociology of Health & Medicine.

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### **SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK (SSW) – MSW APPLICATION OPTION IN JUNIOR YEAR**

Additional Required Courses: SW 305: Community Action and Social Change AND SOC 225: Project Community: Sociology in Action (any section)

#### **Requirements:**

- You must declare the subplan and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses.
  - A minimum of 8 credits must be elected in the SHM subplan at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite).

SOC 203: Multiculturalism  
SOC 204: International Migration  
SOC 221: Social Inequality  
SOC 233: Social Problems  
SOC 250: Politics, Power, and Social Change  
SOC 303: Race and Ethnicity  
SOC 304: American Immigration  
SOC 325: Project Community Advanced Practicum\*  
SOC 335: Urban Inequality  
SOC 344: Sociology of Families  
SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality  
SOC 354: Law and Society

SOC 368: Criminology  
SOC 391: Sociology in Practice\*  
SOC 404: Latinos  
SOC 422: Latin America  
SOC 447: Sociology of Gender  
SOC 455: Sociology of Religion  
SOC 458: Sociology of Education  
SOC 461: Social Movements  
SOC 468: Inside-Out Prison Exchange\*  
SOC 488/489\*: Community Organizing (only 489 is experiential)\*  
Appropriate topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), or 495

A maximum of 4 elective credits in the subplan may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. Students majoring in Sociology with a submajor in Sociology and Social Work are not permitted to elect a minor in Community Action and Social Change, or double major in Social Theory and Practice.